## Salt Lake's Need For Public Swimming Baths

of franchise for private control of the Warm Springs property recalls the vital necessity of consideration of the public need and demand in the case, Few cities have had the natural facilities possessed by Salt Lake for the provision of this popular convenience and most of the American ones now are struggling with difficult problems in this line forced upon them by increasing popularity. popular convenience and most of the American ones now are struggling with difficult problems in this line forced upon them by increasing population and sanitary and healthy problems

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St. Louis, for long in the throes of this question, has been trying to solve it in her own way, and her newspapers give some interesting datas in relation to this effort. Says one of tham:

St. Louis has awakened to the fact that she is behind many other cities in this respect, and aggressive work has been done and is now going forward to meet the urgent need of public baths in a city of almost 1,000,000 people. In Tokio, Japan, it is estimated that not less than 500,000 baths are taken by the people every day. Chicago has inaugurated the "floating bath houses" for the poor; New York has set an example with an elaborate system of public free bath houses, and there are many other cities that have recognized the necessity for these institutions.

The "unwashed" elements of great cities have proven beyond doubt that they desire to bathe regularly and that the fact that they are not always cleanly in their persons lies often with lack of facilities. Even in the short two years since St. Louis bath house No. 1 has been in operation, the patronage has more than tripled. The success of the first bath house in St. Louis has been proven. Not only have all the advantages offered been utilized by men, women and children, but the equipment has proven entirely inadequate for needs, indicating plainly to the public recreation committee that the needs of additional bath houses is now all the more urgent.

TYPICAL BATH HOUSES.

There are several different types of public bath houses founded upon the experiences of such institutions in other cities, which, might well be studied. An up-to-date, modern and thoroughly equipped house, where, during certain hours, men, women and children are able to secure a bath for nothing. The tubs are of porcelain the floors are mezzanine and the entire building is perfectly sanitary, a vital need in an institution where such a diversity of patrons assemble. This lath house was the first to be erected in St. Louis after much discussion and In St. Louis after much discussion and delay.

On the first afternoon of the opening of this bath house, the children of the two nearest playgrounds were marched to it. They were given a bath and this started the steady stream of patronage which has encouraged the establishment of additional insti-

tutions.

The bath house is open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. on week days, and from 9 a. m. to 12 noon on Sundays. The cleaning is done by the night attendant after 9 o'clock. The disinfecting is very thorough, a solution of carbolic acid being sprayed on every part of the walls and floors very night, the hose used afterwards.

The attendance record is kept by a system of checks. Each person as he enters comes to the office window and receives a check, which at the same time gives him his bath in his proper turn, and records the number of baths

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For the purpose of keeping records of attendance which will be of value in later undertakings, the day is divided into three periods of four hours each, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., 1 p., m. to 5 p. m., 5 p. m., 5 p. m., 1 m. to 5 p. m., 5 p. m. to 9 p. m. It has been found that, contrary to expectation and the

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ON PLAY GROUNDS.

Another method of public bathing which will soon be popular here will be the installation of showers and pools at the principal playgrund sites. There is one bath house now nearing completion at Seventh and Soulard streets, which will have a pool, lockers for clothes of bathers, showers for the men, women and children.

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To enter the pool it is compulsory to first go under the shower. This is made necessary to maintain the clean-liness of the water.

The public bath house is closely linked with the industrial welfare of any community. In Europe the public bath house became a metropolitan institution 25 years ago. In Berlin, Vienna, Lon-don, Paris and even the cities of Japan, there are elaborate systems of bath houses built along the lines adopted in St. Louis by the public recreation com-

mission.

It is commonly said that in Tokio the small boy will spend his "penny" to candy or for a bath in preference to candy or toys. The Japs, in this respect, are undoubtedly the cleanest race in the world, and the daily bath is a national characteristic. The public bath house where every-

The public bath house where everything is free reaches a spot untouched by any other charitable institution. Health officers may fumigate homes, social workers may give food to the hungry, but who offers the poor man a good, clean bath? Very few of the old houses in the tenement district have running water in them, let alone bath tubs. The man who works hard all day hasn't the inclination to go down all day hasn't the inclination to go down to the river and take a plunge. He has no alternative and must remain filthy, not from choice, but from neces-sity as has been conclusively shown in the work now being carried on under the direction of Charlott Rumbold, secretary of the St. Louis Public Recreation commission.

CLEANER CITIZENS.

Great reformers have advocated the installation of public bath houses, "soa and water being excellent civilizers, according to one writer. Next to the industrial training in the schools where the poor man's son is taught a useful trade, the bath house tones him into a

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One of the most important branches of the hathiouse work is the pools which are being planned for play-ground sites where bathing suits will be supplied for a very moderate cost and where the advantages of both shower and tub will be supplied. Of all municipal institutions the bathhouse is one that is created and run for the sole benefit of the poor and needy. People who have baths in their homes do not use them. The parks, while primarily set aside as recreation spots for the people of little means, have been greatly monopolized by the wealthy, motor cars making roadways have been greatly monopolized by the wealthy, motor cars making roadways and walks dangerous; but the public bath, like the public playground, hits the heart of "social unrest." They are places made for the workingman and his family who regard personal cleanliness as a desired thing. In many of the foreign cities, it is said, the public bath houses have not been patronized as well as might be expected and a certain class of people remain away from them; but such has not been the case in St. Louis. It has rather been a matter of care for the crowds that swarm around the doors, men, women and children. Many of these bring towels and soap with them in which event the bath is absolutely free.

y free.
The hundreds of unemployed and The hundreds of unemployed and homeless men in the lodginghouse district who would find their only chance of getting a bath by a dip in the icy river, have sought out the initial institution of St. Louis and gladly paid the small sum for towels and soap to get a good wash in a clean tub with clean hot and cold water.

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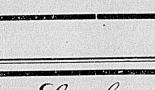
> AGAIN THE MACK FAMILY. As another evidence of the profound

spiritual interest taken by all family lines associated with the House of Israel, let us cite the recent pleasant discovery made by Elder B. H. Roberts, concerning the Mack family, which was published recently in this department. Almost simultaneously with Elder Roberts' findings, another friend of the Smith and Mack families was in Boston and while in the New England General and while in the New England Gene-alogical and Historical library, this friend asked if there were any data there connected with the Mack family in that library. Three great books were at once produced, two of them being companion volumes written by Mrs. Sophia Smith Martin. This book was found to contain all the information found to contain all the information given by Elder Robert's book and a vast deal more; among the long and interesting items given concerning our beloved Lucy Mack Smith, and her prophet-son, Joseph Smith, Jr., was a fine pen-portrait of Donnette Smith-Kesler, clipped from the New York parents of 10 regars ago. The other genepers of 10 years ago. The other gene-alogy was published also by Sophia Smith. And now, most singular of all, while this very article, which was published in this department only last week under the family heading of Apostle Hyrum Smith, came this identical Mrs Sophia Smith Martin from her distant eastern home in Vermont to knock at the door of the Historian's office, culring if she could see some of the descendants of the famous Mack family, never so famous as in their one greatest representative, the Prophet Joseph Smith. And thus do we not see the eagerness of spirits behind the veil to communicate the fact of their readiness to accept the vicarious ordinances of the gospel? Can we not fancy the daring and dauntless boy-soldier, Jason Mack, who calmly picked up the grid-dle of frying pancakes and completed the job left by the frightened woman, who fled in terror when the English bullets and cannon-shots crashed through her roof in those perilous days of "77" which brought us "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as our common heritage under the Stars and Stripes—can you not fancy this splendid stripes—can you not tancy this spiendu soldier-boy. Jason, bombarding the ramparts of his cousins' hearts away down in this mundane sphere, trying to wake them up to the fact that he and his fearless Scotch progenitors are eagerly awaiting the work to be accomplished for them in the temples of our Father! We congratulate the deour Father! We congratulate the de-scendants of Lucy Mack Smith and wish them God-speed in this new and

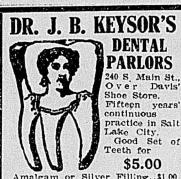
fascinating line of family ancestors. THE WENDS AND VINLAND. The following interesting letter explains itself. More in relation to the origin of the Winder name and family ine will appear in next week's depart-

Noticing in the Deseret News some time ago an article treating upon the name "Winder," I trust you will excuse me for calling your attention to the following facts which are perfectly authorities.

The ancient name of the "Wends" was "Vindar," and that part of Germany which they inhabited was called "Vind-land." The Vindars are referred to occasionally in the Icelandic sagas, especially in that famous work of my own ancestor Snorri Sturluson Heims-After the battle of Svoldur A. D. 1000, in chapter 120, we find this, in regard to Windland or Vindland: in regard to Windland or Vindland:
"As mentioned before, Earl Sigvald joined King Olaf in Vindland. He had ten ships, and the eleventh whereon were the men of Astrid, the king's daughter, who was the wife of the earl. But when King Olaf jumped over board the whole people shouted a shout of victory. Earl Sigvald and his men took to their oars. But the ship where the Princess Astrid and her men were, went up to the coast of Vindland. It went up to the coast of Vindland. It went up to the coast of vindiand. It is the general opinion that King Olaf who was an expert swimmer, pulled his coat of mail off while diving in the sea, then swam under the warships till he reached his wife, the Princess Astrid's while where he was taken to be searched. ship, where he was taken on board, and brought safe and sound ashore in Vind-



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land. There be many who claim to have seen him afterwards."

I feel satisfied that the name "Winder" is from this origin. In the ancient Norse, or rather the Icelandic tongue "Vindar" is plural and signifies the whole people known in English as "Wends;" but I do not find the singular anywhere in the Sagas. It must have been "Vindari" or "Vindi." In words of Anglo-Saxon origin where occurs the modern English ending "er" the ancient languages used "ur" or "ir" as does the Icelandic still. I am well aware that the Wends became—as it were absorbed into the Germans, but many must have gone to England and other places, and those probably took a name, or were given a name, that would identify them. The ancient Northmen and Icelanders were used to that, so to preserve their national identity, for themselves and their descendants.

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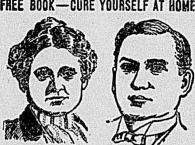
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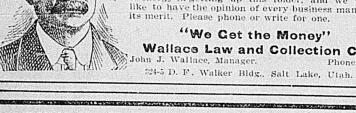
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